

## GEORGE BLAIR IS ACCUSED.

Superintendent of Outdoor Poor Charged with Abducting Old Woman.

LAWYER WANTS A WRIT.

Wants Ellen Duff, Whose Property Blair Is Said to Have, Produced in Court.

In a petition for a writ of habeas corpus for the production of Mrs. Ellen Duff, in Justice Clark's part of the Supreme Court, George C. MacLaughlin, a lawyer from Blauvelt, N. Y., practically charges George Blair, Superintendent of the Outdoor Poor, of robbing Mrs. Duff, a weak-minded old woman, and kidnapping and spiriting her away in a scheme to avoid the exposure of his dealings with her.

MacLaughlin says in his petition: "I believe George Blair, or persons acting for him, have abducted Ellen Duff. The abduction of Ellen Duff was part of a plot or scheme of said George Blair to delay the recovery in an action brought by Mrs. Duff for the return of her property.

"In that suit Blair filed an answer in which he stated that he held in his hands for Mrs. Duff \$2000."

The writ is returnable to-morrow.

Old Woman in Convent.

MacLaughlin recites in his petition that he met Mrs. Duff in the streets of Blauvelt, N. Y., May 20. She told him that "George Blair, Superintendent of the Outdoor Poor in New York, had brought her and put her in the Convent of the Sisters of St. Dominic at Blauvelt, having first got her to sign a power of attorney by which he got all her money in banks, amounting to at least \$5000, and everything she had in the world."

MacLaughlin said he moved the old woman to Newport pending an investigation of her story. Later he sent her to Far Rockaway but she disappeared from there and he believes that Mrs. Duff was spirited away by Blair or his agents.

The lawyer says that he brought suit against Blair to recover Mrs. Duff's money, and that Blair in his answer admitted that he received \$4500 of Mrs. Duff's money, and still holds to her credit \$2000.

An affidavit, signed by Helen Duff some months ago, states that she came from Ireland when she was fifteen years old, "learned the art of cooking and tidily and taught cooking for a time."

Lived in Prominent Families.

Later she was employed in the households of James Gordon Bennett, senior and junior; Col. S. V. R. Crozier, Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase and his son-in-law, Gov. William Smith, of Rhode Island, and Vanderbilt Allen.

On June 1, 1900, according to Mrs. Duff's affidavit, she had been out cooking for a large dinner party, and when she reached her lodgings she was locked out. She went to the municipal free lodging-house. Next morning, she says, Blair questioned her and got her to sign a power of attorney.

Other affidavits showed that he had sent her to various banks, and that at these banks he was told that George Blair had drawn these accounts on a power of attorney.

Mr. Blair Explains.

When an Evening World reporter explained to Superintendent Blair the charges made by Lawyer MacLaughlin, Mr. Blair said: "I have been expecting this proceeding for some time.

"Ellen Duff came to me two years ago and asked me to look after her and about \$500 which belonged to her. She voluntarily gave me power of attorney. I sent her to a convent at Blauvelt, where she was well looked after. The convent learned she was there, indicated those in authority to release her and sent her to some friends of his in this city.

"After she had been picked up wandering on the street and spent four days in the Insane Asylum at Bellevue, MacLaughlin shined her to the home of her niece, Ellen Kessler, at Far Rockaway. Miss Kessler came to Blair and asked me to take charge of her aunt again and she was there. She said she could not accommodate her. There I have sent the woman to a hospital where she is now having kind treatment."

## TRAIN CRASH MAY REVEAL FRAUD.

WABASH VICTIMS EVIDENTLY CONTRACT LABORERS.

Priest Finds Papers on a Dying Italian and Makes a Discovery.

DETROIT, Nov. 28.—Father Francis Beecher, pastor of the Italian Church of San Francesco in this city, went to the Wabash wreck near Seneca in the hope of aiding some of his countrymen.

From Giovanni Fedorini, the young Italian who is dying in the farm-house nearest the wreck, and from papers found in his pockets, Father Beecher learned that the party of immigrants came from Seneca, Cal., and were in all probability contract laborers.

Arriving in New York they were given money and tickets to San Francisco by a Mulberry street banker. The latter, however, refused to explain his interest in the men.

A dispatch from Adrian, Mich., says that according to Donna H. Schiavone, of No. 100 West Taylor street, Chicago, through whom was arranged the transportation of the Italian immigrants killed in Wednesday's wreck on the Wabash, there were only about fifty immigrants on the west-bound train.

If this is true it reduces the death toll by almost half and the number of victims will be between forty and fifty.

## MADISON WHEELMEN DINNER

The Madison Wheelmen will on Dec. 23, banquet at the Strauss, R. Hess and J. Isaac, who so successfully represented the club in the pool tournament of the A. C. C. N. Y. On that evening Messrs. Strauss and Isaac will play off the tie for the individual championship of the A. C. C. and the officers of the A. C. C. will be invited to be guests of the club.

The annual ball of the Madison wheelmen will be given on the night of Dec. 29.

## MRS. BONINE CONFESSED SHE WAS "WOMAN IN BLACK."

Horne, the Detective, Swears that the Prisoner Accused of Killing Clerk Ayres Told Him She Had Gone to the Room of the Dead Man and Was There Attacked with a Pistol—He Ran After Her and She Tripped.



MRS. BONINE HEARS DETECTIVE HORNE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The prosecution in the Bonine case will close to-morrow, the District-Attorney having only two more witnesses to call.

To-day's sensation was the recital by Detective Horne of Mrs. Bonine's confession to him that she had been in Ayres's room when the clerk was killed and that the man was shot in his own pistol while trying to shoot her.

Mrs. Bonine was also credited with admitting that she was the "woman in black" seen hurrying down the fire-escape from Ayres's window.

The prisoner was not moved by the detective's evidence.

It was this statement made to Horne which brought the Ayres inquest to an abrupt conclusion and which led to the arrest of the accused and subsequent indictment on a charge of murder.

Mrs. Bonine never once took her eyes from the officer. The statement to the detective was made in the sergeant's room of the Sixth Precinct station-house, at which the inquest was being held, and while it was in progress.

Asked by the District-Attorney to repeat the story, he said:

"She first asked me if I was to receive any monetary consideration for what she would tell me. I assured her that I would not. She then said: 'I was in Ayres's room at the time of the shooting.'

The detective in continuing quoted Mrs. Bonine, repeating her words, thus: 'He came to my room at 2 o'clock in the morning. He rapped on the door, and I opened it. He came in, and asked me if I had any medicine. I told him I had some quinine. He put his arm around me and wanted to come into my room. But I told him he could not. As he might wake the boys, and he then said he wanted me to come to his room and talk over a little difficulty. I told him we could talk it over the next day. He said no, he was going to leave on that day.

"I consented to go to his room. When we entered his room Ayres was standing behind the door. He closed the door and bolted it. I saw a pistol in his right hand. I tried to run, but tripped on something.

Went Out the Window.

"He grabbed me around the waist. I caught hold of his right hand. I don't know how the shooting occurred. We fell, he falling partly on top, I fell blood gushing over my shoulder. When I got up I found the pistol in my hand. He was holding it by the barrel. I laid it on the trunk and went out the window and down the fire-escape."

"I asked Mrs. Bonine why she did not go out by the door, the detective said: 'She answered she started to go out by the door, but heard some one talking. She also said she went to a bathroom and washed her hands and clothing then went to bed.'

The witness said Mrs. Bonine first said she wanted to talk to him not as a detective and then ask his advice.

Caught His Hand.

Detective Horne added that in a later interview she had illustrated to him and

"We Fell As He Grasped Me and Then I Felt Blood Gushing Over My Shoulder," She Said. "I Left the Room by Way of the Window Because I Heard Somebody."—Prosecution Closes To-Morrow.



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District-Attorney Gould her attitude and report of Ayres when the shooting occurred, saying that her back was to Ayres, that his right hand, in which the revolver was held, was thrown over his shoulder, and that she had caught that hand with both of hers. She did not know how the shots were fired.

The wrapper worn by Mrs. Bonine on the night of the shooting was exhibited to the witness and identified by him. It is a brown-colored garment trimmed with green velvet.

On cross-examination, Detective Horne said Mrs. Bonine said to him that she hesitated to mention the tragedy because she feared that in doing so she might do injustice to the dead.

After she had concluded he advised her to tell her story to the District-Attorney. Subsequently she was taken to Police Headquarters where Major Sylvester heard her testimony taken down.

Detective Horne's testimony was listened to by the spectators with breathless interest.

Blood on Her Hands.

A great many questions were asked of Mrs. Bonine on cross-examination at the suggestion of Mrs. Bonine. Again she heard her testimony taken down.

Mr. Douglas brought out more fully on cross-examination that while the accused woman did not use the word "struggle," she related incidents indicating that she had been in a struggle.

Edward H. Hess, a stenographer at Police Headquarters, was shown a copy of a letter which was written by Mrs. Bonine and the Superintendent of the station-house, which he identified, but introduced only the portion of the letter which related to the time when she was in Ayres's room.

Mr. Douglas announced upon the re-cross-examination of Mrs. Bonine that the defense would offer no objection to the admission of the two statements made by Mrs. Bonine at Police Headquarters.

## PHILBIN NOW AFTER THE GAMBLING COMBINE.

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publicly known that he is to be Police Commissioner. I therefore deviate from my plan to that extent."

HE'S "INDORSED" BY MURPHY.

Police Commissioner Michael C. Murphy today unqualifiedly "indorsed" the selection of Col. Partridge as Mayor Low's Police Commissioner.

"The appointment is a good one," said Col. Murphy. "It will please the people. Mr. Low could not have made a better choice. Col. Partridge is a fine man with a splendid record."

Asked about Capt. Diamond, Col. Murphy said: "No record of Capt. Diamond's conviction has been received here. I cannot say until I receive the papers from Albany."

## SAFE LAY IN MUD 20 YEARS.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Nov. 28.—Twenty years ago a landslide occurred, carrying the house and office of Albert Terry into the Hudson River at East Kingston. The principal loss was the safe, containing money and valuable papers. An unusually low tide revealed the safe to a John Broadhead, a steamboat man at the works, who secured it.

The safe was blown open and the papers and money were intact. The peculiar fact regarding the landslide was that Mrs. Terry objected to living in the house because of the sinking of the floors. The family bought a residence on Broadway, moving into the new house the day before the landslide, which occurred at 2 o'clock in the morning.

## MISS STONE MURDERED WITH HER COMPANION.

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any negotiations pending for their release which would make it improbable that the brigands would kill them at this time?

MR. HILL—I can only say that we do not know the report of the death of Miss Stone and her companion.

THE EVENING WORLD—The Evening World has received a cable despatch saying both women have been murdered.

MR. HILL—I repeat, I still discredit any report of their deaths.

## WORST FEARED BY FOREIGN BOARD.

The Evening World called up Rev. Dr. C. S. Swain, the manager of the American Board of Foreign Missions at Boston, over the long-distance telephone and read to him the Vienna despatch telling of the murder of Miss Stone and her companion.

"This is horrible news," said Mr. Swain. "If the news we have heard of Miss Stone for days."

"I only hope it may not be true, but I fear very much it is, as the first and only really authentic news we had of Miss Stone after the news of her capture was the cablegram published in the Evening World from Prince Alexander of Serbia."

"From this morning's cable it would appear that Miss Stone was murdered at just the spot where the Prince said the brigands had been located."

We are very grateful to The Evening World for the news, distressing though it be. It seems a pity that the money advanced by the American people and the efforts of Consular Agent Dickinson were of no avail.

"I cannot speak at this moment of what the results will be of the action of the Board, but that is for the future to determine."

## NEWS PHONED TO BROTHER.

A. A. Stodd, a brother of the murdered missionary, is in business in the Exchange Building at No. 33 State street, Boston.

The Evening World called him up by long distance telephone and read to him the Vienna cablegram.

"I sincerely hope that the word you have received may not prove true," he said. "But I thank you very much for communicating it to me."

"Any news is better than no news, and we have all been in great suspense here for many days."

## SAY DICKINSON IS TO BLAME.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Nov. 29.—With reference to the reports of the death of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the captive American missionary, the Government holds that if the brigands, exasperated by the delay, have murdered Miss Stone, Consul-General Dickinson, the diplomatic agent of the United States, is responsible for the delay and not the Government of Bulgaria.

The latter has not interfered with Mr. Dickinson's enquiries, and were troops moved after Mr. Dickinson had opened communication with the brigands.

## OFFICIALS ARE UNDER SUSPICION.

Under date of Oct. 26 William Kinland Rose, special commissioner of the World at Sofia, wrote to this newspaper that the first authentic news about the negotiations for the release of Miss Stone came from the Bulgarian Government.

In an interview with Consul-General Dickinson Mr. Rose got from that gentleman statements that may have some bearing upon the lamentable end of the kidnapping of the American missionary.

It appears from Mr. Rose's interview that the Bulgarian Government was not in a position to release Miss Stone until the ransom was paid.

## GANNON HIGHLY LAUDED FOR RAID.

BROKE UP A MOST INIQUITOUS DIVE.

Magistrate Zeller threw a beautiful, large bouquet at Police Capt. Gannon in the Centre Street Court to-day when the prisoners in the Captain's Elizabeth street dive raid were arraigned.

The Captain is much obliged, for he needs bouquets in his business. He is under indictment for neglect of duty while he was in command of the East Twenty-second street station, and now that he has been moved from his hiding place in Central Park to a precinct where he can make a good showing he is not overlooking any chances to take the course off.

But whatever may have been the motive which made the Captain act in this case, he appears to have done a mighty good thing. The dive that he broke up was probably as iniquitous as any that a police captain in this city ever overlooked.

From the evidence that was given in court, the raid was made on the information of a Mrs. Parsia, the Irish wife of an Italian, who told the Captain that there was a disorderly house at No. 20 Elizabeth street which was harboring young girls, and that when the girls were brought to the station, they were kept in the Captain's Elizabeth street dive.

The Captain then told a horrible tale. He said that the place was run by Giovanni Bellantonio, who employed Ida Smith, an eighteen-year-old girl, to patrol the east side streets and procure recruits.

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